

King visits radio, television

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday paid a visit to the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation and met with the newscasters and reviewed their work and performance. The King voiced pride in their work in serving their country and urged them to stick to objective and accurate in relaying news about various events and issues at all levels. He said the duty of a newscaster is to convey the real facts to the citizens and people abroad. Later the King held an open discussion with the broadcasters, who expressed their delight in meeting with the King. Also taking part in the discussion were Prime Minister Ziad Rifaat, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Minister of Information Hani Khassawneh and Director of Jordan Radio and Television Corporation Munir Al Durra.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Japan's emperor coughs, vomits blood

TOKYO (R) — Emperor Hirohito received two blood transfusions Wednesday and suffered a coughing fit that left him almost speechless, palace officials said. They said the 87-year-old monarch, gravely ill for more than four weeks, vomited blood during the night for the first time since he collapsed Sept. 19. His daughter, Atsuko Ikeda, said her father coughed so much during her afternoon visit he was barely able to speak.

Chile to buy Israeli-made fighters

LONDON (AP) — The Chilean air force is close to signing a contract to buy 20 Israeli-made Kfir fighter-bombers, Jane's Defense Weekly reported Wednesday. After a year of negotiation with Israel only the credit terms remain to be settled, the prestigious military affairs journal said.

Kahane trying to stay in campaign

TEL AVIV (R) — Anti-Arab rabbi Meir Kahane, banned from contesting Israeli elections next month, made a last-ditch legal appeal Wednesday to resume his campaign. The American-born member of parliament returned to the supreme court one day after it disqualified his Kadish party from the Nov. 1 elections on grounds it was racist. A lawyer for Kahane said he had discovered the 1985 law on which the court based its ruling lacked a necessary 61-vote majority on its first reading in the 120-seat Knesset. A three-judge court agreed to hear the challenge Thursday.

Tunisian opposition politician gets passport

TUNIS (R) — The Tunisian authorities gave opposition politician Ahmad Ben Saleh his passport back Tuesday, almost three weeks after they confiscated it without explanation. Ben Saleh's friends said Wednesday, Ben Saleh, 62, leader of the small Mouvement de l'Unité Populaire, has spent most of the past 18 years in prison or in exile. He returned to Tunisia last June.

Iran looks at amnesty for dissidents

NICOSIA (R) — Iran is investigating an amnesty for dissident groups, many of whose members it has hanged for siding with Iraq. Intelligence Minister Mohammad Mohammadi Reysahri said his ministry and security council had drawn up plans for a nationwide amnesty for members of "outlawed groups," the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Wednesday. Reysahri, responsible for internal security, said the amnesty to pardon dissidents had yet to be endorsed by political leaders.

S. African family awarded \$100,000 prize

ATLANTA (AP) — South Africa's Sisulu family, several members of whom have been jailed for battling apartheid, was awarded the Carter-Menil Human Rights Prize Tuesday for giving "hope to all in South Africa who oppose and suffer under this unjust system." The prize, named after former President Jimmy Carter and Houston philanthropist Dominique de Menil, is to be presented to Walter and Albertina Sisulu and their seven children at a Dec. 10 dinner at the Carter Presidential Centre in Atlanta. Sisulu and one of his sons is in prison.

Heavy rain sweeps eastern Turkey, 9 killed

ANKARA (R) — Nine people were killed Wednesday when heavy rain swept eastern areas of Turkey, destroying buildings and cotton fields, officials said. Weathermen said more rain was on the way in areas near Turkey's borders with the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Syria. Six people, including two children, were drowned in the southeastern town of Nizip, where two cotton factories and three oil seed factories were destroyed. Two women were drowned in Genc, eastern Turkey, and scores of mud and brick buildings were swept away. In Van, near the Iranian frontier, a boy was killed when a house collapsed.

British lawmakers visit Syria

LONDON (AP) — Four British lawmakers, ignoring government disapproval, left Wednesday on an unofficial visit to Syria to discuss the plight of British hostages in Lebanon. The lawmakers, Robert Adley and Robert Hicks of the governing Conservative Party, and opposition Labour Party members Andrew Faulds and Stuart Randal, said they would be guests of the Syrian government. A Foreign Office spokesman said the government dissociated itself from the visit and had advised the lawmakers not to go. Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Syria two years ago, saying Syria was involved in an attempt to blow up an Israeli airliner at London's Heathrow airport.

U.S. destroys Pershing launchers

FRANKFURT (R) — American engineers Wednesday turned cutting torches on nine of the 144 U.S. Pershing-2 nuclear missile launchers in West Germany to be scrapped under the superpower intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) disarmament treaty. Ten Soviet inspectors watched crews at the U.S. Hausein base work on the trailer-mounted launchers, worth \$830,000 each and now being sold for scrap. They are the only U.S. weaponry to be destroyed outside the United States under the pact.

Assist police move to end hospital sit-in

ASSIST (AP) — Hundreds of armed policemen surrounded a government hospital Wednesday to clear out Muslim fundamentalist students protesting the force-feeding of veiled women hunger strikers, witnesses and police sources said. The sources said the women, students at Assuit University, began fasting several days ago after they and others were ordered to shift dormitories. University administrators apparently were attempting to break up concentrations of fundamentalist women wearing head-to-toe veils.

Britain says Israel 'corrupting itself'

LONDON (AP) — Israel is "sleepwalking to disaster" in its treatment of Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave said Wednesday. Answering questions in parliament, Waldegrave said many lawmakers who regard themselves as friends of Israel have protested over the country's attitude to the Palestinians. "The tragedy for Israel is the way it is corrupting itself by its treatment of people in the occupied territories," he declared. He added: "The Israeli government knows very well that we believe it is sleepwalking to disaster in its treatment of the people in the occupied territories."

Sudan party chief to meet rebel leader

KHARTOUM (R) — A senior Sudanese politician will meet the leader of a southern-based rebel army as part of efforts to end the country's five-year civil war, state-run Radio Omdurman reported Wednesday. The radio said Mohammad Osman Al Mirghani, head of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), would meet Colonel John Garang, leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), in three weeks.



Armoured unit celebrates anniversary

HIS Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday night attended a celebration staged by the Third Royal Armoured Division to mark its anniversary. The celebrations included a variety

show and poetry reading. The unit presented the Crown Prince with a shield (photo above) to mark the occasion.

4 wounded as Palestinians protest settlers' attacks

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot and wounded at least four Palestinians Wednesday, reports said, and residents of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip staged a general strike in protest at attacks on Arabs by Jewish settlers.

Reports said two Palestinians were wounded in clashes with the army in the northern West Bank town of Jenin, a 10-year-old boy was shot in the chest in the nearby village of Bala's and a resident of Gaza City was injured by gunfire.

Troops dispersed angry crowds with tear-gas outside a hospital in Hebron after two Palestinian settlers died and two were critically wounded in a road crash with an army jeep, sources said.

Nearly half of the population of the Gaza Strip was placed under curfew in seven out of eight refugee camps and two neighbourhoods.

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The Likud platform, distributed to journalists, said there would be no Palestinian state, "foreign sovereignty" or self-determination in the occupied territories.

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Rocket kills 9, injures 17 in Kabul

KABUL (AP) — A rocket fired by guerrillas Wednesday killed nine people and injured 17 outside Kabul airport, Afghan security officers said.

They said the victims were among a crowd inside a tent, waiting to board an Ariana Afghan airlines flight bound for Tashkent and Moscow.

Two Soviet women and a Soviet girl about two years old were among those killed, according to an officer of Sarandy, an Afghan paramilitary force entrusted with airport security. The other people killed were Afghans, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

One of the injured victims was a Soviet citizen, and the rest were Afghans, he added.

The rocket was one of 21 that hit the airport grounds between 9:25 a.m. and 3 p.m., the officer said. No one was injured by the other rockets, but some windows

were broken in airport buildings.

The Sarandy officer said some of the rockets landed in areas of the airport used by Soviet troops but he could not give any details.

All civilian flights out of the airport were cancelled for the remainder of Wednesday and for Thursday, he said. Afghan and Soviet forces, who base helicopters and transport planes at the same airport, continued to take off and land after the rocket attacks.

According to Western diplomats, the guerrillas fighting Soviet and Afghan troops use rockets which have a range of 15 kilometres to 22 kilometres.

It was the biggest attack at the airport since the first week of September when guerrilla rockets destroyed eight Soviet-made

Sukhoi ground attack jets. The number of human casualties in that attack was not known.

Dissidents arrested

Dissenting members of Afghanistan's dominant party were arrested prior to a meeting of the party's leadership, an official source said Wednesday.

Other Afghan sources said the central committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) began its session Wednesday morning, although no official announcement was made.

The arrests of an undisclosed number of party members also was announced Tuesday night on government television.

The session follows reports of disagreements among party leaders as the government seeks to reach a settlement with the guerrillas.

Four hours after the attack.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Nobel laureates urge peace talks

WASHINGTON (R) — Seventeen American Nobel laureates called Tuesday for negotiations and compromise in the Middle East, saying they were the only paths to peace. The prize winners said a Middle East peace pact that called for a renunciation of terrorism and aggression could be achieved in negotiations. An agreement could also protect "minorities within a self-governed Palestinian homeland with borders drawn to accommodate legitimate Israeli security concerns," they said. The laureates, who account for 18 Nobel prizes in a variety of fields, sent letters to Middle East leaders, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the Reagan administration and the Soviet Union. "All parties must at long last realize that they cannot have peace without compromise and that there will be no chance of peace without negotiation," the laureates said.

Sabbah urges recognition for PLO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem Tuesday appealed to President Ronald Reagan on behalf of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and told U.S. officials he hoped for official recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Archbishop Michel Sabbah, the

first Palestinian to hold the Latin patriarch post, told Reagan at a 10-minute White House meeting that "the Jewish people are enjoying their human rights, the Palestinians are not. Since 1967 they have been living under Israeli military occupation." The president said in response that he hopes for peace in the area through negotiations. Sabbah told reporters. Sabbah said he had earlier conveyed to Secretary of State George Shultz, the Palestinian people's hopes that the PLO eventually will be accepted as their spokesman.

Israel, Soviet Union set up phone link

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel and the Soviet Union have established a direct telephone link for the first time in more than 20 years. The communications ministry announced Tuesday. The link enables Israel to place direct calls to residents of six Soviet towns, including the principal cities of Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, ministry spokesman Avi Hefetz said.

Sudanese civilian plane shot at

KHARTOUM (AP) — A Sudan Airways Boeing 707 was shot at while taking off from Juba airport Monday. One engine was hit but the plane flew back to Khartoum with three engines and landed safely, informed sources said Tuesday. The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they did not know how many people were on the plane, which mainly carries relief supplies to Juba, capital of the Equatoria region in the south.

Israel gives U.N. details of satellite

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Israel has provided the United Nations with details of its Ofek-1 experimental satellite, launched Sept. 19. In a note published Tuesday, it listed the satellite's general function as: "A. Experimentation in generation of solar power; B. Experimentation in transmission reception from space; C. Verification of system's ability to withstand vacuum and weightless conditions; D. Data collection on space environment conditions and earth's magnetic field."

U.S. court dismisses war powers suit

WASHINGTON (R) — A Federal appeals court Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit by 110 congressional Democrats seeking to force President Reagan to invoke the War Powers Act over the navy's escort of oil tankers in the Gulf. The suit was filed in August 1987, one month after navy warships began an operation to protect reflagged Kuwaiti oil tankers from attack by Iranian forces. A ceasefire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war took effect in August, and the U.S. convoys were halted last month. The unanimous three-judge panel said the claim that U.S. military forces were involved in "present or imminent" hostilities in the Gulf represented a political issue, not a legal question for the court.

U.N. accepts Israeli credentials

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly Tuesday voted to accept Israel's credentials, and the Zionist state picked up 15 votes over last year. The assembly voted 95 to 41, with seven abstentions and 16 states absent, to accept Israel's credentials and its full participation in the 159-member world body.

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16:40 ... Baby Folk
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18:00 ... News summary
18:05 ... World Reports
18:28 ... Local programme
18:59 ... Series: ALF
19:15 ... Health programme
19:24 ... Programme review
20:00 ... News in Arabic
20:15 ... Arabic news
21:00 ... Programme review
21:45 ... Programme on Algeria
22:30 ... Film in Arabic
23:10 ... News summary in Arabic
23:10 ... Film (cont'd.)

PROGRAMME TWO
17:30 ... Le Monde Magique de chantal Goy
18:00 ... Aventures Aventures
18:30 ... News
19:00 ... News in French
19:00 ... News in Arabic
19:30 ... News in Hebrew
19:45 ... Variety Show
20:00 ... News in Arabic
20:30 ... Bill Cosby Show
21:15 ... Beauty and the Beast
22:00 ... News in English
22:20 ... Feature film: "Treasures of the Snow"

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11:00 ... Country Music
11:30 ... Hitsville: The Story of Motown
12:00 ... News Summary
12:05 ... New Music
13:00 ... News Summary
13:05 ... Pop Session
14:00 ... News Bulletin
14:10 ... Instrumentals
14:30 ... Comedy
15:00 ... Concert Hour
16:00 ... News Summary
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17:00 ... Old Favourites

17:00 ... Animal, Vegetable, Mineral

17:30 ... Good Vibrations
18:00 ... News Summary
18:05 ... Special Feature
18:30 ... Music
18:45 ... News
Date with Star
20:00 ... Evening Show
21:00 ... News Summary
21:45 ... Evening Show Contd.
22:00 ... Evening Show
23:00 ... News Summary
23:45 ... Evening Show Contd.
23:57 ... News Headlines
24:00 ... Close Down

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" ... Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a planetarium at the Hayas Arts Centre. Open all year 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Sunday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Yarroud. Tel: 651760.

Treasures Museum (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali. Tel: 623541.

Anglo Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman. Tel: 625383.

(Gradel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries. Also includes a collection by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mantabah, Jabal Luweibeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel: 630126.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel: 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel: 815261.

PRAYER TIMES

04:22 .. Fajr (Sunrise) Dhu'l-Hijja
05:39 .. Dhu'l-Hijja
11:43 .. Dhu'l-Hijja
17:02 .. 'Asr
18:19 .. Maghrib

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman. Tel: 624590.

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibeh. Tel: 62720.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein. Tel: 661757. Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).

Terransia Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366

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chaplain's residence tel. 601359.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel: 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel: 772521.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. Tel: 771751.

Amman International Church (International) meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani. Tel: 685376.

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295.

Rainbow Congregation (meet at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel: 822605. Rev. Veli.

Al-Aqsa (Military) .. Tel: 622361.

Nairoukh pharmacy .. 626277.

Al-Sam pharmacy .. 636730.

Yacoubi pharmacy .. 644945.

Shmeisani pharmacy .. 637660.

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

12:28 .. Cairo (MS)

12:28 .. Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GF)

13:49 .. Kuwait (TU)

15:00 .. Riyadh (SV)

17:00 .. Dubai (EK)

17:00 .. Amsterdam, Berlin (D)

19:10 .. Zurich, Larnaca (SR)

19:40 .. Frankfurt (LH)

21:40 .. Paris (CD)

24:00 .. London, Cairo (BA)

01:00 .. Baghdad (AF)

DEPARTURES

ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

06:00 .. Aqaba (RJ)

06:45 .. Rome (RJ)

11:10 .. Athens (RJ)

11:45 .. Agadir, Paris (RJ)

12:00 .. Frankfurt, London (RJ)

12:30 .. Larnaca (RJ)

15:45 .. Bahrain, Doha (RJ)

21:00 .. Abu Dhabi, Cairo (RJ)

21:25 .. Vienna

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ROYAL DECREE: A Royal Decree has been issued approving an amendment to the Ministry of Youth's statutes and internal regulations, which mostly govern the ministry's centres and duties of their staff and Al Hussein Youth City (Petra).

IRAQI GUEST VISITS AQABA: Iraqi Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul Karim Faisal Wednesday visited the southern military region and forward military positions. He also visited the Royal Coast Guard and toured the Aqaba Region Authority and was briefed on its goals and projects. He later visited Petra and toured Mu'ta University where he was briefed on the university's military wing (Petra).

COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY PROGRAMME: Public Security Department (PSD) Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali has paid an inspection visit to Zarqa Security Department and heard a briefing on its duties and the application of the PSD-sponsored comprehensive security programme. Later, Majali visited a school for training policemen, the stables for horses being used by mounted policemen in carrying out patrols and a unit for training car drivers (Petra).

PALM TREE SEMINAR: The Agriculture Department in Zarqa Wednesday organised a seminar at Azraq and Dughaileh to orient farmers on palm tree planting. The seminar paves the way for the plantation of palm trees in the Azraq region which is suitable for this strain of trees, according to local agriculture officials (Petra).

ANANI MEETS IRAQI LEADER: Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan conferred in Baghdad Wednesday with Royal Scientific Society (RSS) President Jawad Al Anani and his accompanying delegation. Ramadan said Jordan and Iraq are linked by very strong relations; and ought to expand their bilateral cooperation in scientific fields through the RSS and Iraqi research institutes (Petra).

FRONT CULTURAL EXCHANGE: A visiting French cultural team Wednesday called at Yarmouk University and met with its Vice President for academic affairs to discuss cooperation in scientific and cultural fields. Agreement was reached on an exchange of visits by students of Arabic in French universities and French language students at Yarmouk University during the summer (Petra).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE: Post Office and Postal Savings Corporation Director General Ghazi Rifai left for Geneva Wednesday to take part in a conference organised by the Universal Postal Union, where he will submit a working paper on modernising postal services in Jordan (Petra).

SUDANESE ARTIST: Under the patronage of Royal Jordanian Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ali Ghandour an art exhibition entitled "Etchings" by Sudanese Artist Mohammad Khalil will be opened Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Al Wasiti Art Gallery in Plaza Hotel. The exhibition will continue through Thursday Nov. 3 (J.T.).

AMMURA EXHIBITION: Under the Patronage of Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Hisham Al Khub, an art exhibition by Alia Al Shanti Ammura will be opened Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Alia Art Gallery. The exhibition will continue through Thursday Oct. 27 (J.T.).

STANDARDISATION MEETING: The Amman-based Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology opened a preliminary meeting in Amman Wednesday to discuss draft specifications of Arab products which will be referred to a general conference to start here on Saturday. The meeting is attended by delegates from 11 Arab countries in their capacities as directors of organisations in charge of specifications and standards (Petra).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Book exhibition at the Khansa' Secondary School in Madaba.
- ★ Photo exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- ★ An art exhibition entitled "Bait Al 'Arabi," by Hana Sadik Berardo, at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ Art exhibition by Sonia Delaunay, at Yarmouk University.
- ★ Book exhibition: "Individual, Sport and Olympic Games," at the Deanship of Students Affairs, Yarmouk University.
- ★ Children's book exhibition, at the Women's Cultural, Social and Sports Club, Amman.
- ★ Exhibition: Photographs and maps of archaeological sites, at the Goethe Institute.
- ★ Social Security Corporation exhibits books, charts bulletins and reports on its activities, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ A paintings exhibition by Alia Al Shanti Ammura, at Alia Art Gallery, Insurance Building, Jahl Amman — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ An exhibition of paintings by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wasiti Art Gallery, Plaza Hotel — 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FILM

- ★ A feature film entitled "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

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Women's conference calls for efficient contribution in development

CAIRO (Petra) — A three-day conference on the role of women in Arab countries development which was opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, has ended in Cairo issuing a set of recommendations underlining the importance of training, to enable efficient contribution by women to Arab development.

Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jaber, who represented Jordan at the conference that was organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), said the delegates were unanimous in calling for a research on women's role and training that would help women offer meaningful contributions to their countries.

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activities especially in agriculture," Abdul Jaber said.

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Crown Prince calls for increased focus on regional housing projects

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday called on departments concerned with housing to link housing plans with regional and sectoral planning, and urged municipal councils to streamline their respective housing projects with regional plans.

Locally-produced building materials should be encouraged so that the country can curtail imports under the present circumstances, the Prince urged.

The seminar was opened here last Monday by Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh, who said there was urgent need to build low cost housing units for families with limited income.

Zawaideh told the opening session that the Kingdom was facing a real challenge in the coming two decades to ensure sufficient homes for all people at the lowest possible cost.

A study on housing in Jordan, he said, has revealed the need of 430,000 new housing units between now and the year 2006.

A total of 17 working papers were reviewed at the meeting which was attended by engineers, representatives of various housing and real estate offices, and other organisations. The seminar was organised by the Housing Corporation in conjunction with the Royal Scientific Society.

Conference to study employment of computers in air conditioning

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day conference on air conditioning and refrigeration will open at the Professional Association Complex in Amman Monday and will be attended by Arab and foreign countries as well as representatives from various regional and international organisations.

Jordan Engineers Association (JEA) President Laith Shbeilat spoke at a press conference here Wednesday to explain the objectives of the coming conference which will review 28 working papers from Jordan and other countries.

Air conditioning and refrigeration

play a major role in industry and in research programme and they both are essential elements in urban and industrial development projects, Shbeilat said.

He said a number of subjects pertaining to technology in air conditioning and refrigeration will be discussed, such as the employment of computers and solar energy, means of rationalising energy consumption, and control of the quality of manufactured products and components used in the air conditioning and refrigeration process.

The research papers he said

come from Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, the USA, Britain, France, Yugoslavia and Lebanon.

According to Shbeilat, several international firms will organise an exhibition to display air conditioning and refrigeration products and the delegates will be taken on field trips to Jordanian industrial businesses.

Shbeilat said that the conference, which will be opened by Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh, has been organised by the JEA in cooperation with the Paris-based international union of air conditioning and refrigeration.

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New pharmacists sworn in

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 50 pharmacists Wednesday were sworn in before Minister of Health Zaid Hamzah at the professional association complex upon joining the Jordanian Pharmacists Association (JPA).

Hamzah made a speech on the occasion, underlining the significance of the pharmacists in public health and said his ministry was intensifying efforts with the help of all health workers to extend health services to people in all parts of the Kingdom.

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who now benefit from the primary health care services through health centres around the country.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Air Carriers Organisation (AACO) has strongly protested to the British Tourism Authority (BTA) over a planned meeting by the British Travel and Tourist Association in the occupied city of Jerusalem in the coming month.

AACO Secretary General Adli Dajani sent a cable of protest to the BTA director stressing that the Arab organisation considers this action "untenable and contrary to the spirit of the world community."

Dajani referred to the present situation in the occupied Arab lands and Israel's "suppression of the human rights of the Palestinian people."



Adli Dajani

Palestinian people in their own homeland," and said that the BTA decision to hold the conference in

Jerusalem would be tantamount to condoning "the atrocities perpetrated on the Palestinian nation."

Dajani said that the British Tourism Authority was supposed to represent international leadership in bridging the wide gaps in social, economic and political understanding between the Third World and industrialised nations.

Yet, he said, the decision to hold the conference in Jerusalem would "serve as a stamp of approval to other organisations to violate the sacred territorial and human rights of the indigenous Palestinian people."

Al Bait Al Arabi — An exhibition with a very specific message

By Mariam Shahin
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An exhibition aptly entitled "the Arab home" a look at the past" Al Bait Al Arabi being held at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) is much more than just another presentation of Arab antiquities; it is an exhibition with a very specific message. Industries and local production in the Arab World were once capable of furnishing homes with all necessary household utensils, essential furniture and ornaments for de- coration.

"We, in the Arab World, have moved backwards, in this century on an industrial production level," says Hana Sadeq Berardo, who is exhibiting her own collection of household articles and furniture. Berardo, an Iraqi, laments what she sees as an increasing trend in the Arab World to favour foreign products.

"At one point in time the Arab World was relatively self-sufficient, with industries producing furniture, clothing, household utensils and decorative items," she says. "But now, we import everything (and) our craftsmen and traders are out of work because the people in the Arab World have stopped buying their goods. Culturally, everything we import is quite foreign to us.

To some degree all cultures are mixing and there is an internationalisation of certain ways of dressing, decorating and furnishing homes. However, we have abandoned our traditions almost completely. Traditional furniture and home decorations have become museum pieces. People don't think of fusing the old with the new."

In an interview with the Jordan Times on the fringes of the exhibition, which opened Tuesday, Berardo also said she saw a willingness on the part of the Arabs, Jordanians included, to pay astronomical prices for foreign-made goods, and on the other hand their relative reluctance when it comes to paying good prices for locally produced goods.

"Only a few are willing to pay a large amount of money for a chest of drawers inlaid with mother-of-pearl but they will pay more for a Chinese inlaid jade chest or a marble table from Italy," according to the designer from Baghdad.

The message Berardo wants to spread is that despite the obvious difficulties in reviving local industries it is in the best interests of every Arab country and its citizens to increase their self-sufficiency.

"We once produced practical, economically viable, and aesthetic products. Surely, we can do it again. Once our culture is lost, it will be most difficult to revive it. Unfortunately most people don't realise that we are running out of times," Berardo said.

Among the bathroom items on display are silver-decorated bath-

ing garments, silver containers, slippers, silver kohl containers, silver rosewater containers, mirrors, a silver-covered pumice stone and a decorated scrubbing towel, which were once part of the traditional bridal dowry in the Arab World.

Furniture made from oak, walnut and olive wood, including an elevated canopied bed, are furniture designs that were "new" and "original" for many of those presented at the opening of the exhibition Tuesday afternoon. Berardo also said she saw a willingness on the part of the Arabs, Jordanians included, to pay astronomical prices for foreign-made goods, and on the other hand their relative reluctance when it comes to paying good prices for locally produced goods.

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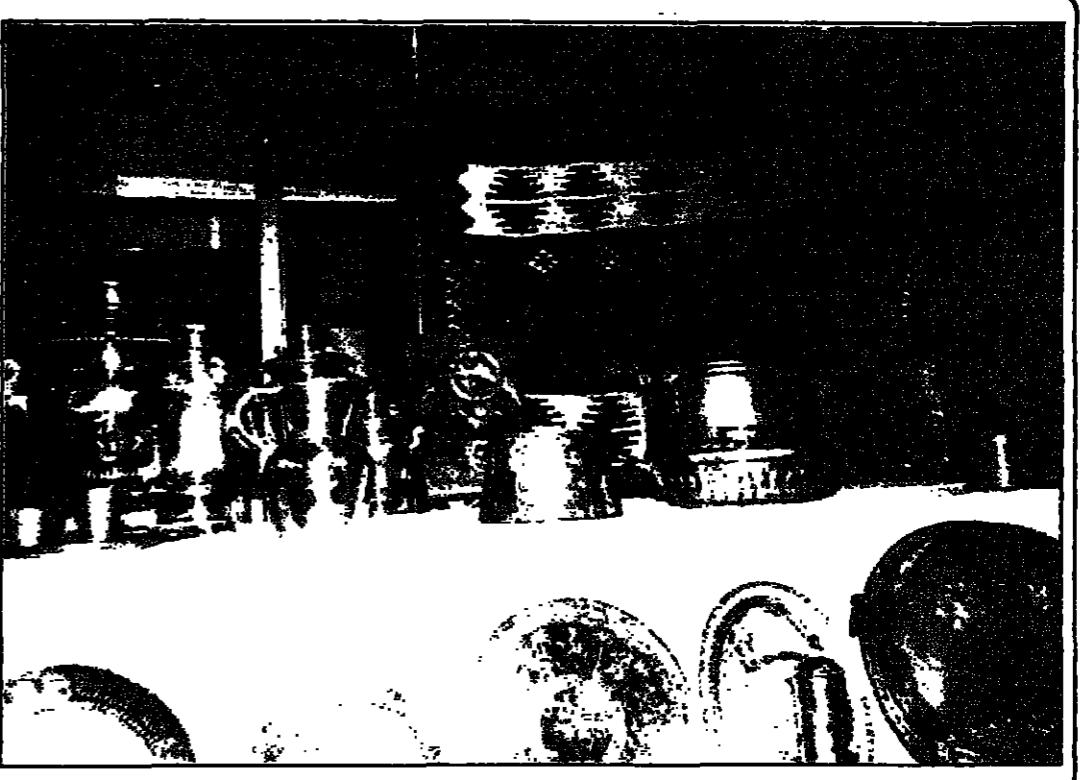
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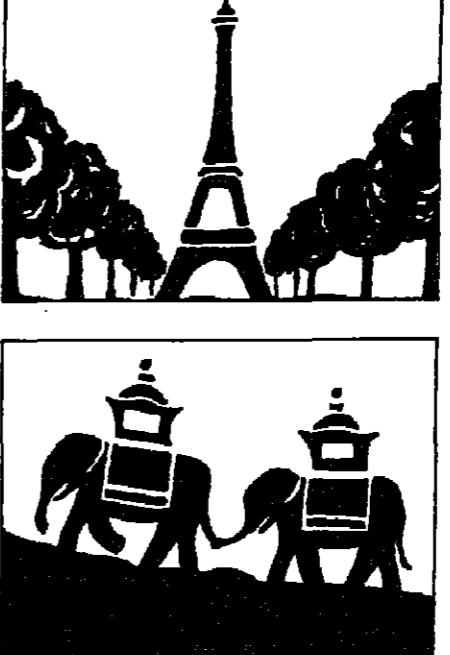
defeating. She hastily added that her suggestions were not to imply that imports per se are bad but just an emphasis that were there is a potential for home industries if properly encouraged.

"According to the available market, production should start up, not excluding the possibility of exporting, of course," she said.

The reconstruction of post-war Iraq is one major project in which

Arab industries will have a chance to produce and supply essential materials, if they take their queue on time, Beraudo believes.

The exhibition, which was opened under the patronage of Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri and organised in cooperation with the Iraqi embassy in Amman, will remain open till Oct. 23.



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A worthy report

AS THE Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues (ICIIH), the high-level body of 29 eminent personalities set up in 1983 to examine a wide range of humanitarian issues, has just concluded its work and submitted its final report. Special gratitude goes to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan from all of us in Jordan and the rest of the developing world. Not only did Prince Hassan co-chair the Commission's meetings over the past four years with Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and provide much of its inspiration and motivation, he also spoke a language hitherto unspoken on behalf of the Arab countries and the developing world.

It was Prince Hassan's speech before the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, calling for international action to address the principal humanitarian issues confronting humanity, that prompted the international community to address these issues through the independent Commission. Close scrutiny of the final report of the ICIIH reveals the depth of the concern of the Commission and the full dimensions of the relevant humanitarian issues. Some of the key recommendations embodied in the final report call for the establishment of special ministries in developed and developing countries alike to deal with humanitarian problems in the political, economic and security domains. The report also calls for adequate budgetary allocations to human rights and to education in the humanities.

And in his final remarks to the Commission, Prince Hassan pointed to oppression, injustice and inequality as among the principal causes of political and economic instability — a diagnosis that is insufficiently articulated. We would like to express public thanks to Prince Hassan, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan and all the other members of the Commission for lending a forceful and persuasive hand in the struggle to ameliorate the human environment, and for making this objective the theme of the Commission's work and its final report.



ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

FOR the third consecutive day Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday commented on Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's televised statement last Sunday in which he tackled the monetary, financial and economic situation in the Kingdom. There was no fear of any kind, nor was there any hesitation in behalf of the prime minister in explaining the real situation in the country and Rifai's words were loud and clear and addressed to all citizens, the paper noted. It said that Rifai's open statement about the economic situation and the need to follow certain austere measures to deal with its consequences came as no surprise to the majority of citizens who are loyal to their country and dedicated to serving their nation, the paper noted. The majority of people realise the great achievements the Kingdom realised in social, economic and services fields, and they also realise that what we are facing today is linked to situations that had affected the whole region and the world at large, the paper added. But, it said, that given a wise leadership the Jordanian people are capable of confronting the challenge and resuming their march towards progress with greater self-confidence.

Al Dustour chose another topic, that of the Islamic culture and Prince Hassan's address at the opening session of the international seminar on Islamic art. The paper quoted the Prince as saying that Jordan was the first Arab country to give due concern to Islamic heritage by establishing the Aal Al Bayt Foundation; and added that Jordan's efforts in this field have been remarkable and the country's endeavours to highlight Islamic art and culture are to be commended. The paper echoed Prince Hassan's call on universities and research centres to expand the basis of Islamic culture by helping to collect and preserve manuscripts and translating and distributing Islamic-related materials. Such practice, the paper pointed out, is bound to help remove any distortion about Islam and to present a brighter picture about this religion to the outside world.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented Wednesday on the recent government economic measures and said they were necessary in view of the challenge the Kingdom is facing at the moment. The paper described the measures as an inevitable operation to "amputate what has become dangerous in the body when no other available medicine was effective in dealing with the situation." The paper strongly attacked speculators in money markets and those who it said had been in the habit of tampering with prices to accumulate quick fortunes and described them as a handful of outlaws who have no respect for their country and their countrymen.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

Stop the profiteers

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily tackles the negative effect of a high exchange rate in foreign currency on imported medicines, and urges the Ministry of Health to interfere and prevent any manipulation or abuse of pharmacy practice in this respect. Sabah Abdul Samad said it should be understood that medicines for patients are not luxury goods on which restrictions can be imposed nor should these goods be left under the mercy of importers who can fix any price to them in a manner that will ensure the greater margin of profit. The importers ought to take their share in bearing the results of high foreign currency exchange rates; and suffice themselves with a certain margin of profit rather than showing greediness, the writer notes. He urges the Ministry of Health to take a drastic measure in this connection, because he says some pharmacists might be tempted to refrain from importing certain types of medicines that would not give them a good profit margin.

Alarm bells ring for planet Earth

AT LEAST one good could come from this year's unprecedented series of natural disasters. Concern for the future of the global environment is becoming one of the foremost issues of the international community's agenda.

It was a common thread running through speeches by heads of state or foreign ministers, including those of major powers, at the current session of the United Nations' General Assembly. There is also a growing feeling that the world body should lead and coordinate efforts to protect the wellbeing of planet Earth.

While some U.N. offshoots, notably the Environment Programme (UNEP), would obviously be in the vanguard of such a campaign, others would also play their part. A major specialised agency, the World Bank, has already accepted that there is an environmental dimension to its work.

Thus, the unique environment of Madagascar — an 80-million-year heritage of some of the world's rarest plant and animal life — is to get a new lease of life in a protection programme that casts the Bank in a new role as a sponsor of conservation.

Hitherto not best known, perhaps, for its interest in world environmental problems, and often criticised for having unwittingly financed ecological disasters, the Bank now joins forces with the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) in helping to save the remaining treasures of Africa's largest offshore island.

It promises to be a remarkable marriage between the seemingly divergent forces of conservation and high finance. In a sense it is an enforced alliance, brought about by the growing realisation that effective long-term development programmes cannot be achieved without corresponding measures to protect global resources.

The WWF Vice-President, Russell Mittermeir, says conservationists are now getting the message that they must work with the international aid and development agencies, both to prevent a repetition of past developmental errors and to provide resources necessary for conservation in its work.

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Watch on the Rhine

and set up new ones, and to encourage sustainable development.

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CBJ intervenes, stabilises dinar exchange rates

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

AMMAN — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Wednesday intervened in the local exchange market to prop up the Jordanian dinar from Tuesday's record low of 530 fils to 470 fils, dealers told the Jordan Times.

The CBJ set its dollar exchange rate at 443/445 fils Wednesday, slightly down from Tuesday's 441/443, and told bankers to deal closer to the official rate.

Deputy CBJ Governor Maher Shukri was quoted Wednesday as saying that the dinar's exchange rate will be stabilised over the coming three weeks at the latest.

He said the market would "stabilise itself by abolishing the gap between the official rate and that of the open market."

Lebanese lira sinks

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese lira lost eight per cent of its international value against the dollar Wednesday as Lebanon's deepening political crisis panicked the market.

At midday the central bank closed the pound at 508.00/512.00 compared with Tuesday's 470.00/474.00.

Anxious Lebanese rushed to buy dollars after parliament Tuesday failed to elect a successor for house speaker Hussein Husseini, leaving the legislature virtually paralysed.

Shukri told Sawt Al Shaab that as a result of the CBJ measures, commercial banks now have to "depend on themselves for their foreign currency needs."

He said the CBJ left the dinar to slide to the current rates so as to help the market balance itself.

Bankers told the Jordan Times that commercial banks have been instructed to stop financing letters of credit for certain imports and that other imports have been restricted by instructions requiring a margin of 30 per cent of the letter of credit's value in cash from the open market before financing is allowed.

Importers have immediately hiked their prices, in some cases disproportionately with the dinar's depreciation against foreign currencies.

Shukri told Sawt Al Shaab that "anyone who buys dollars at 450 fils or more will lose," in an apparent attempt to halt the slide in the Jordanian currency.

A dealer at Petra Bank confirmed Wednesday that upon a request from the CBJ, his bank offered to sell \$12 million in cash for 460 fils a dollar, but that nobody was buying.

The CBJ's move Wednesday has apparently calmed the market, but bankers were skeptical as to whether the CBJ was determined to protect the 450 fils rate.

"The central bank sees this rate as adequate, one banker, who asked not to be identified, said. "However, it will all depend on whether demand can be effectively reduced."

He pointed out that by telling importers to get their own foreign exchange to finance imports, "they are, in fact, aggravating the supply and demand imbalance in the open market." (See industrialists' reaction on this page.)

Car dealers told the Jordan Times that banks have refused to finance new letters of credit for their imports, either upon instructions from the central bank or upon their own discretion.

The government has pledged to squeeze imports of luxury goods, in an effort to reach a balance between the Kingdom's foreign exchange outflow and revenues.

A dealer quoted by Reuters said banks had to finance a total of JD 200 million worth of letters of credit over the next three months.

Demand for foreign exchange would ease after that because the dinar's effective devaluation would discourage imports, he said.

The dinar has lost almost 15 per cent of its dollar value since the central bank aligned its rates with the open market Saturday, and nearly 26 per cent this year.

In his interview with Sawt Al Shaab, Shukri said the dinar's recent instability was caused by speculation as well as "gambling by citizens and not moneychangers, with the aim of making quick profits."

"It is regrettable that small gamblers are more likely to be losers because they enter the market late and buy in high prices and they come out late, selling in low prices, while professional gamblers know when to enter and when to get out."

Sunday, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said in a televised interview that the government planned to squeeze public spending and very seriously with the possibilities of inflation, and not to wait until the situation worsens, so that we will not have to improvise solutions."

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

	Wednesday rates		Market rates	
	Central Bank official rates	Buy	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	443.0	445.0	451.3	471.3
Pound Sterling	774.9	778.8	783.1	816.8
Deutschmark	244.8	246.0	254.1	265.8
Swiss franc	289.6	291.0	291.2	300.0
French franc	71.8	72.2	71.6	74.2
Japanese yen (for 100)	348.4	350.1	—	—
Dutch guilder	216.7	217.8	—	—
Swedish crown	71.1	71.5	71.1	71.5
Italian lira (for 100)	32.9	33.1	—	—
Belgian franc (for 10)	116.3	116.9	—	—
Saudi riyal	—	—	119.6	126.4
Lebanese lira	—	—	10.8	11.6
Syrian lira	—	—	286.3	305.0
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1588.3	1625.5
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	195.0	206.7
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	185.0	196.7
UAE dirham	—	—	119.9	124.4
Qatari riyal	—	—	121.7	124.6
Omni riyal	—	—	1157.1	1166.9
Bahraini dinar	—	—	1181.5	1203.0

Jordanian industrialists to keep prices, quality unchanged despite constraints

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

AMMAN — Industrialists Wednesday urged the government to stabilise the Jordanian dinar's exchange rate, freeze imports of luxury goods and allow

them a mark up on their products.

In a meeting held at the Amman Chamber of Industry, industrialists discussed the impact of the dinar's adjusted rate and called on the government to fix a special exchange rate to protect industrialists.

They said that some industries imported raw material worth up to 60 per cent of the value of their products and that they had no choice but to raise their prices to cover the difference in the exchange rate.

They complained that commercial banks were asking them to

deposit 30 per cent of the value of their letters of credit for raw material in foreign currency cash with the central bank before agreeing to finance these imports. They said this contradicted the government's policy to ease demand for foreign exchange and pressure on the dinar in the open market.

Chamber of Industry President Khalid Abu Hassan called on industrialists to cooperate and "protect the country's economic achievements in the face of the present monetary instability resulting from the pressures on the Jordanian dinar."

He told nearly 150 industrialists that the situation "required purposeful and unwavering adherence to our commitments as members of the industrial sector, to show relentless efforts and genuine capabilities to assist in overcoming the present difficulty."

"The Jordanian industry," he declared, "is an invaluable trust in our hands, and the new government measures, severe as they are, should not deter our industrial activities."

He continued: "We fully understand the reasons which compelled our government to resort to flexibility in the Jordanian dinar's exchange rate. The hardship involved is understandable, and we must adapt to it so long as it lasts. We are duty bound to bear our share of the present difficulties, and to interpret the government measures in a positive perspective."

According to a press release by the chamber, there was unanimous agreement that adaptation, though difficult, was unavoidable.

"The more they cooperate in the implementation of these measures, the less is the strain which will affect the economy. This is the time we should show flexibility and courage," the press release said.

It said industrialists responded favourably to President Abu Hassan's appeal to avoid as much as possible raising prices while adhering to the prerequisites of quality and supply in the market.

Abu Hassan asked industrialists to name a work committee composed of the presidents of the consultative sectorial committees at the chamber and other industrialists to meet and draft recommendations which he and his colleagues in the board of directors could take up with the responsible authorities.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 19, 1988.			
	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	180990	JD 278044	1711
Top three companies:	2380	JD 329440	96
Arab Bank Limited	169470	JD 243770	157
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	172936	JD 241961	97
Parallel market:	39308	JD 16478	—
Development bonds:	500	JD 5101	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—
Other debentures:	—	—	—

JORDAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation	603507
Ministry of Supply	602121	Free Zones Corporation	64301
Ministry of Finance	636321	Amman Financial Market	660170
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Chamber of Commerce	644747
Ministry of Labour	663186	Arman Chamber of Commerce	66151
Ministry of Communications	847391	Arman Chamber of Industry	644748
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662528
Ministry of Tax Department	660151	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Central Bank of Jordan	60301	General Statistics Department	646171
Amman Customs Department	772181	Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	643000
Social Security Corporation	643000	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

One Sterling	1.7495/7505	U.S. dollar	Canadian dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2005/15	Deutschmarks	Dutch guilders
	1.8085/95	Swiss francs	Belgian francs
	2.0385/95	French francs	Italian lire
	1.5273/80	Japanese yen	Swedish crowns
	37.87/90	6.2255/75	Norwegian crowns
	6.1675/1725	6.6800/50	Danish crowns
	1345/1346	6.9670/9720	U.S. dollars
	127.10/20	410.60/411.10	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY	The market closed higher as a positive balance of payments figure boosted industrial stocks. The All Ordinaries index rose 6.8 to 1,578.4.
TOKYO	Prices gained on the anniversary of the 1987 crash but trading was slow. The Nikkei index rose 151.69 to 27,293.67.
HONG KONG	Market closed for holiday.
SINGAPORE	Share prices closed marginally higher across the board for the third day but off their early highs in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 3.07 to 1,019.16.
BOMBAY	Trading halted after reports that a member was among the 130 people killed in a plane crash in western India. The exchange will be closed Thursday for a religious holiday.
FRANKFURT	Shares continued to rally in active trading, closing just off a 1988 high for the second straight day. The DAX index rose 8.58 to 1,304.37.
ZURICH	Swiss shares marked the anniversary of the crash by closing at the year's high. Prices firmed across the board, pushing the All Share Swiss index up 6.8 to 930.2.
PARIS	Prices were up strongly at mid-session in active trading, boosted by the spate of takeover bids in major world markets.
LONDON	U.K. equities stood firm in late trading with investors showing little reaction to the anniversary. The FTSE 100 index at 1430 GMT was up 10.4 at 1,867.4.
NEW YORK	Stocks were lower at midday, giving up small early gains. They fell as oil prices, an inflation indicator, rose. The Dow was down eight at 2,152.

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Dodgers defeat Athletics at last.

OAKLAND (AP) — Mark McGwire hit a solo home run with one out in the ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics finally broke through and beat Los Angeles 2-1 Tuesday night, cutting the Dodgers' lead in the 10 world series at-bats.

McGwire fouled off three 2-2 pitches before lining a drive over the left-centre field for his first hit in 10 world series at-bats.

The Dodgers blew a chance to break the game open in the sixth when they loaded the bases with no outs but failed to score.

Danny Heep's double, John Shely's single and a walk to Mike Davis finished Bob Welch, who had never lasted beyond 2-3 innings in four postseason starts.

The Oakland bullpen, the most effective in the majors this year did its job. Left-hander Greg Cadaret stopped lefty Mike Scioscia on a foul popup and right-hander Gene Nelson got Jeff Hamilton on a force at the plate and Alfredo Griffin on a grounder to first.

Kirk Gibson, the Dodgers' crucial pinch hitter in game 1, was not employed this time, even though Los Angeles was at the bottom of its batting order.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦Q6 ♦KQ832 ♦94 ♦AQ63
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠

What action do you take?
A.—It's time to tell partner that you have a minimum opening bid with no particular fit for his suit. The correct way to do this is to pass. Don't bid either two hearts or three clubs. The former would show a better suit, the latter a far stronger hand.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦K3 ♦AKJ52 ♦953 ♦KQ9
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Resist the temptation to show a good five-card heart suit by rebidding it. For the moment, the most important feature of your hand is the excellent support for partner's suit. Tell partner of the good news by raising to three clubs. If partner has heart support, he can still reveal a better suit.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦A94 ♦AQ985 ♦Q103 ♦62
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Since partner's bid is forcing, you must do something. You don't really want to bid no trump when your only stopper in the enemy suit is the ace. Therefore, you are reluctantly compelled to rebid your heart suit.



One of the ponies at the Pony Club

Pony show set for Oct. 21

AMMAN (J.T.) — Begun only a year ago, the Pony Club at the Arabian Horse Club is now, attended by over 35 keen young riders. Their ages range from two and a half up to ten years, the children attend weekly sessions, each rider being placed in a class that suits their ability.

During the last month the children, riding on the Club's Shetland ponies, have been getting ready for their first show of the season which will be held this Friday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. The younger children, who have been taught by Jane Misri, Joan Gardiner and Vickie Kayal will give a demonstration of their skills which includes, (aided by

groomers), galloping and hopping over small jumps.

The older children who, taught by Mrs. Gaby Seifert, can now ride alone, will perform some basic dressage movements.

"The idea behind the show," one of the organisers told the Jordan Times, "is to give these young riders an opportunity to participate in a riding activity which will encourage them and give them greater confidence."

The show will be held at the Arabian Horse Club, situated about 15 minutes drive from the Seventh Circle on the Airport road. An entrance fee of JD 1 will be charged.

Paralympics continue despite protests

SEOUL (AP) — Two swimmers from the United States and Denmark urged athletes from 60 nations to join them Wednesday in protesting the deletion of 156 events from the international Paralympic games.

A letter sent to team managers asked some 4,000 athletes and coaches participating in the games for the disabled to meet at the Olympic swimming and diving pools after competition Wednesday to stage a silent protest.

Participants were invited to swim or hold hands alongside the pool for 30 minutes.

U.S. swimmer Georgina Biter, 26, said the protest was the only way disabled athletes could express "feelings of frustration and rage at the deletions of events, which meant some athletes could not compete."

Biter, a quadriplegic, and Danish swimmer Kim Anderson signed the letter.

The cancelled events primarily

were competitions between individuals in track and field, swimming, judo, shooting, and archery.

The Paralympic games are held every four years to roughly coincide with the Olympic games and are the largest worldwide competitions for disabled athletes. The Seoul Paralympic games are the largest ever held.

After three days of competition, West Germany led with 17 gold medals, followed by Canada with 15, the United States with 14 and South Korea with 12.

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Britain, France and the Netherlands each had nine gold medals. Sweden, Japan and Denmark had eight gold medals each, followed by Poland with six, and Australia, Italy and China with five each.

Bromann blamed the deletions on a complicated and outdated classification system used to place athletes in events with similarly disabled competitors.

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a perfect day to wind up the affairs you have started within the last few days. Say how you feel. Then buy some flowers for the home and a loved one, and prepare for a lovely evening.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Do whatever you can to get your creative talents across today. This will provide success in business and pleasure from your hobbies.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Look over new leasing contracts, and finally decisions to be made in the remodeling. Make up with your partner, and come to a compromise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) This is a good time to improve your monetary situation by starting that financial planning course. Seek the advice of a wise associate.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Put into effect whatever plans you have to increase your financial stability. Success is assured through work with others.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You are beaming today and attract a lot of attention. Balance the needs of your family and position. The boss is your best friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You feel the need for privacy so you can

make long-range plans for yourself and work. A lonely friend would appreciate a visit from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) An influential friend can offer you some kind of advice to improve your home and love life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't let business and the public occupy the center stage today. You need to trade some of your work with your partner this afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The wanderlust of your mind dominates today as you find the need to expand your horizons. You have the resources to do it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You now make the time to think about and start acting on something that is very important to your mate. Enjoy this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get together with as many interesting people as possible. Your work, and theirs can enhance each other's efforts and ensure success.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make a special point to talk with fellow workers about improvements to their environment. Your health is good today, but don't overeat.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The day begins with an extravagant mood that may encourage bad judgment. Inspiration and heightened sensitivity dominate, and the afternoon presents an opportunity for financial gain.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Analyze carefully any investment that seems too good to be true; it is in inspirations to improve health and work are fruitful.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can use your overabundance of energy to clean house. Your budget won't allow redecorating, but a friend's gift adds grace to the home.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be careful on the highway early in the morning. Luck is not with you. Those in authority are pleasantly disposed toward you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Today is not a good day to fund your hopes and dreams or lend money to co-workers. Money can come through an artistic endeavor.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Be careful of your overemotional reaction to those in charge. It will tend to spoil your fun. A profitable real estate investment presents itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't let people take advantage of

your overemotional nature. Your keen powers of analysis help you understand your mate's goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your friends seem quite confused about their goals in life. They learn a great deal from your advice. You can profit from a message.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Emotions rather than critical analysis of facts from others when you are faced with trouble with your friends today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The morning is not a good time to travel unless you have no luggage to lose. A letter from afar brings you back to your roots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) It would be best not to invest any money this morning. It is better to pay attention to dreams that tell you of changing investments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) When your partner evaluates the natural artistic talents you have, he or she has the chance to form another opinion about you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your tendency to overwork interferes with your normal good judgment.

ANDY CAPP (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It is good to be professional in your work. It is important to understand where you are going professionally.

European soccer has busiest night of the season

LONDON (AP) — Nine of the Dutch soccer team that won the European championship return to the scene of their greatest triumph Wednesday to settle an old World Cup score. But injured striker Ruud Gullit will be one of the absent two.

Munich's spectacular Olympic stadium was the venue for The Netherlands' 2-0 triumph over the Soviet Union in the European championships in June.

On Wednesday, West Germany and The Netherlands meet again in World Cup action, this time in a group four qualifying match. On the busiest night of European international soccer action this season, 20 more teams will be treading the path towards the 1990 finals in Italy.

In another group four game Wales hosts Finland, Greece receives Denmark and Rumania visits Bulgaria in group one, Eng-

land hosts Sweden and Albania travels to Poland in group two, Austria goes to the Soviet Union and East Germany receives Iceland in group three, Scotland hosts Yugoslavia in group five, Northern Ireland visits Hungary in group six and Belgium hosts Switzerland and Luxembourg receives Czechoslovakia in group seven.

The other absentee from the Dutch line-up that won the European championship is the now retired Arnold Muhren. But nine other stars, including Gullit's Milan team-mates Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, will

return to Munich to face the Germans.

After a dismal performance in the European championships, England will want to bounce back with a victory over the Swedes at Wembley.

Three defeats in West Germany had a section of the English media calling for the head of manager Bobby Robson. England's soccer chiefs have stood by their beleaguered manager who has been given the task of taking the team to the World Cup finals.

Gary Lineker, one of the biggest England flops in the European championships, has recovered from a bout of hepatitis and says he is fitter than ever.

Top scorer in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, the Barcelona striker has been restricted to two full Spanish league games while he regains full fitness.

The last time Yugoslavia vi-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

British boxer asks 'where's Tyson'?

NEW YORK (R) — British boxer Frank Bruno, the forgotten man in the Mike Tyson-Robin Givens saga, arrived in New York Monday looking for a fight. He told reporters he wanted a guarantee the world heavyweight champion would still fight him on Dec. 17 in London at Wembley stadium and predicted he would win by a knockout.

Kasparov may lead in Iceland chess meet

REYKJAVIK (R) — Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov could regain a share of the lead in the world cup chess tournament after winning a slight advantage against Soviet rival Alexander Beliavsky in their 13th round game Tuesday. The game was adjourned after 62 moves with Kasparov holding a slightly better position in a rook and pawn endgame. A victory would bring Kasparov level with fellow Soviet grandmasters Mikhail Tal and Jaan Ehvest in the \$100,000 tournament with four rounds left to play.

Pretoria to meet rugby administrators

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The government has summoned South African rugby administrators to Pretoria to explain their weekend talks with the black nationalist African National Congress (ANC). Transvaal rugby chief Louis Luyt said Tuesday members of the South African Rugby Board (SARB) were ordered to an urgent meeting with education minister F.W. De Klerk Wednesday. De Klerk, whose portfolio includes sport, condemned the weekend meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, at which Luyt and SARB president Danie Craven sought ANC support for a South African return to international competition.

Becker wins first match after absence

TOKYO (R) — West German Boris Becker, back after a six-week absence due to injury, recovered from a slow start to beat American Robert Seguso 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the \$627,500 Japan indoor tennis championships Tuesday.

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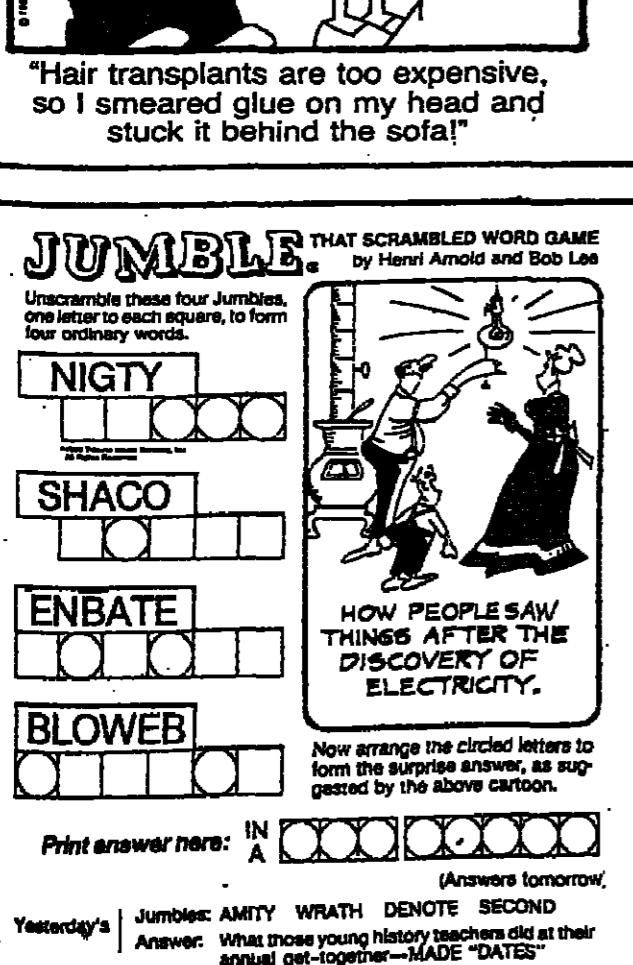
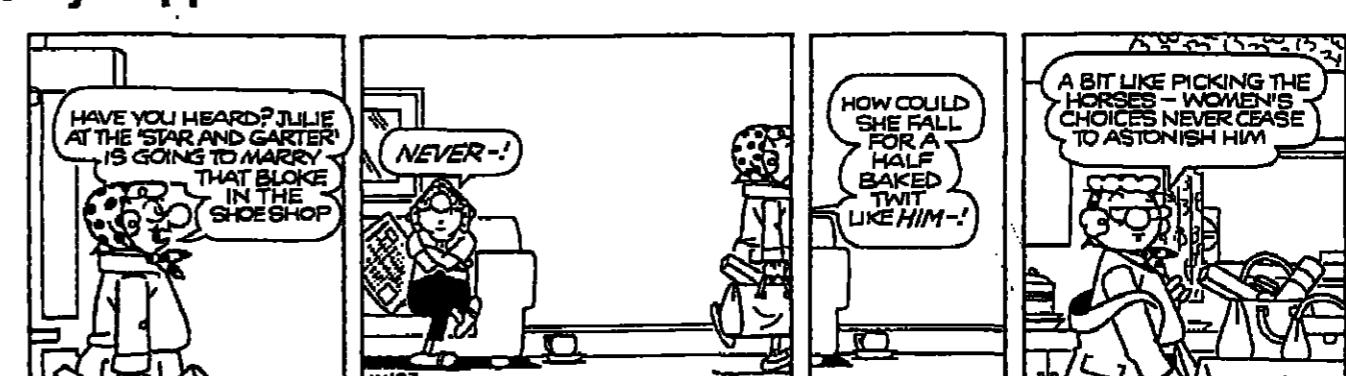
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La Vierge

vue à Amman



Lina Qarabashi (photo Reuter)

Une vingtaine d'apparitions de la Vierge Marie, cinq crucifixions sonnières comme par télépathie, des croix marquées comme au fer rouge dans le peau: le cas de

Lina Qarabashi, une Irakienne

catholique de 20 ans, laisse perplexes médecins et religieux et attire des foules dans sa maison de djebel Weibdeh.

Linda dit avoir vu la Vierge pour la première fois le 7 octobre au Centre médical King Hussein, où elle se remettait d'une opération

sur le pied gauche, atteint il y a 15 ans lors d'un accident de la route. "Il y avait une lumière au plafond et j'y ai vu la Vierge Marie qui pleurait", raconte-t-elle.

Depuis, sa poitrine est bar

née d'une grande croix rouge, qui

par moments la brûle et grossit.

D'autres croix plus petites sont aussi apparues sous son oreille et sur un bras. Les médecins n'expliquent pas ce phénomène, mais on

voit à tout pris me convertir aux comportements locaux, jusqu'à la cuisine et la façon de servir les repas. J'ai résisté,

calmement mais fermement. Le

plus que le prompt rétablissement

de Linda, sortie de l'hôpital deux

semaines plus tôt que prévu.

Etendue sur son lit au milieu d'icônes, Linda reçoit maintenant jour et nuit des centaines de visiteurs, fervents ou curieux,

qu'elle bénit de bonne grâce. Elle

dit rester en communication avec la

Vierge et ses parents témoignent: "Les icônes de Marie ont

plusieurs fois versé des larmes,

les lampes de la maison se sont

toutes éteintes sauf celle éclairant

la statue de la Vierge," dit l'un

d'eux. Pour l'instant, aucun

réponsable religieux ne s'est officiellement prononcé sur le cas

Linda.

Plus de 4.000 couples mixtes vivent en Jordanie

Arabes-Occidentales: mariages de déraison?

Le nombre croissant de Jordaniens qui étudient à l'étranger favorise les mariages mixtes. Mais une fois passées les rouscasses sur les campus occidentaux, le retour au pays — à deux — s'avère parfois difficile. Surtout les premières années, l'équilibre du couple est menacé de chute dans le profond fossé culturel.

Le coquet appartement de Patricia, sur le djebel Amman, fleure bon l'Amérique profonde: papiers peints champêtres, bouquets de roses, napperons et soucoupes sous les tasses. Qui croirait que cette mère de famille roulotte en robe imprime jersey est l'épouse d'un musulman très pratiquant? Et pourtant...

Patricia, mariée à un ingénieur palestinien, est arrivée en Jordanie il y a dix ans. En servant le café léger et les cookies, elle se souvient: "Les débuts ont été difficiles psychologiquement.

Walid, mon mari, avait vécu onze ans aux Etats-Unis. Il avait acquis le passeport et surtout la mentalité américaine. Je l'avais rencontré sur le campus et il habitait pratiquement chez mes parents, qui l'avaient très bien accepté.

Quand nous avons débarqué à Amman, il a fallu se réajuster aux mœurs locales. Ma belle-famille ne m'en voulait pas d'être chrétienne et étrangère, mais on

voulait à tout pris me convertir aux comportements locaux, jusqu'à la cuisine et la façon de servir les repas. J'ai résisté, calmement mais fermement. Le plus dur fut de se soustraire à ces éternelles visites de courtoisie chez les uns et les autres, ces réunions de famille que l'on organise par devoir et où l'on ne se dit pas grand-chose. J'ai épousé Walid. Mais je refuse de me marier avec sa famille. J'avais l'impression d'être totalement accaparée, de ne plus avoir de vie privée".

Aujourd'hui, Patricia se dit heureuse en Jordanie, où elle a choisi de vivre. "Tant que les enfants sont jeunes, il est plus sûr pour eux d'habiter ici: les gens sont plus gentils qu'aux Etats-Unis, plus secourables, et il n'y a pas de danger de délinquance".

Dien universel

Dina, 8 ans, fait irruption dans le salon. Rousse comme sa mère, elle parle indifféremment anglais et arabe. Dina est musulmane, mais à sa façon. Ses parents, tous deux très croyants dans leurs religions respectives, ont su trouver le compromis.

L'importance n'est pas tant l'appartenance religieuse que la foi elle-même. Walid et moi sommes attachés à une relation profonde et personnelle avec Dieu.

Peu importe la liturgie que l'on met autour. Nous avons réfléchi

trois ans sur l'éducation religieuse

avant d'avoir notre premier enfant. Notre choix s'est porté sur une éducation musulmane par respect pour la famille de Walid.

Mais quand les enfants vont aux Etats-Unis, ils fréquentent les

églises et ne font pas de différence fondamentale. Il croient en Dieu, tout court.

Loin d'être un facteur de division, notre foi est un ciment de notre couple", conclut Patricia.

Selon elle, la lecture du Coran montre que les principes moraux de l'islam ne sont pas si différents de ceux du christianisme: respect de l'autre, charité, humilité....

Au total, Patricia s'est-elle interrogée? Comme beaucoup d'oc



Un Français marié à une Irakienne: l'exception. La plupart des couples mixtes sont formés d'une Occidentale et d'un Arabe

occidentales interrogées, elle apprécie la gentillesse des gens envers elle, mais a toujours le sentiment d'être traitée en étrangère. Adapte peut-être, assimilée sûrement pas. C'est normal, dira-t-on, car elle est chrétienne en milieu musulman. Mais le fossé culturel va bien au-delà de la seule confession religieuse. La plupart des étrangères mariées à des chrétiens (ceux qui plus fréquent) rencontrent elles aussi les mêmes difficultés dans les premiers temps.

Telle Candy, Américaine arrivée elle aussi il y a dix ans: "Je n'avais qu'une idée très vague de ce qui m'attendait ici. Quant à ma belle-famille, mon époux lui avait dissipé notre union. Il faut dire que nous sommes arrivés ici sans être mariés. Le scandale! J'ai été totalement rejetée, obligée de vivre clandestinement avec lui dans un appartement sans chauffage. Dans les premiers temps, mon mari dépendait entièrement de sa famille financièrement. Une fois mariés, nous avons dû partager leur maison pendant six ans. Je ne pouvais pas travailler et je subissais en permanence leur indifférence hostile. Le contact était d'autant plus distant que je n'ai jamais appris l'arabe."

Son mari ne pouvait-il pas prendre sa défense? "Il a beaucoup changé. Sa famille était très pauvre. Lui s'était complètement américainisé pendant ses études. Mais le retour a été un choc pour lui. Il s'est soumis à une pression sociale très forte. D'autant plus qu'on lui reprochait de m'avoir épousée, alors qu'il y avait une légion de jeunes jordanaises très bien à marier. Il avait trahi. Alors, pour s'amender, il a adopté un profil bas, m'a interdit de parler dans les réunions, clubs féminins ou par récompenses.

A écouter Candy, on la sent prise au piège. Car elle aussi a fini par s'adapter, en avalant pas mal de couleuvres: "Quels que soient ses problèmes, j'aime mon mari. De toute façon, j'ai complètement perdu le contact avec ma famille, qui s'opposait à notre union. J'aime les arabes pour leur générosité. Les Américains me semblent être des machines à travailler et à s'enrichir; je ne pourrais plus rentrer là-bas." Candy avoue tout de même se sentir un peu seule: "Les anglophones me protègent, mais je suis toujours intéressante. Mais ces gens vont et viennent..."

Mais quelle est donc la raison qui pousse ces garçons arabes à prendre pour femme des

marier coûte cher: dot en or et financement d'une cérémonie fastueuse sont attendus du garçon.

De là à dire que ces mariages sont des erreurs de jeunesse, ce qui peut entraîner l'illusion de l'amour. Notons encore qu'habitués à être nourris-blanchis par leur mère, ils ont tendance à rechercher la cohabitation afin de retrouver cette ambiance familière — ou plus prosaïquement parfaitement.

Pour le reste, les cas de schizophrénie rencontrés dans son cabinet constituent des "pathologies inhérentes aux mariages mixtes". Elles auraient également des problèmes en restant dans leur pays".

Complexe de supériorité

Le Pr Barhum insiste sur le fait que certaines étrangères refusent d'apprendre l'arabe, d'où leurs problèmes de communication avec leur belle-famille. "Le mariage est une autoroute à deux voies, dit-il, et chacun doit prendre et donner". Selon lui, certaines femmes, en particulier les Américaines, arrivent ici avec un complexe de supériorité et ne cherchent pas à comprendre la société jordanienne.

Il impute aussi une dose de responsabilité à certains mariés, "qui veulent être plus occidentaux que les occidentaux". Comme le dit cette autre "immigrée" de Chicago, "vous ne pourrez jamais changer quoi que ce soit dans les mœurs de votre entourage. La seule chose que l'on peut changer, c'est moi-même."

Selon le Dr. Walid Sarhan, psychiatre, les premières années sont le cap le plus dur à franchir. Il estime que très souvent, les mariés ne préparent pas leur femme à ce qui les attend ici: "Elles subissent deux chocs. Celui du mariage et celui de l'exil. Le cas le plus difficile est celui du mari qui dépend encore financièrement de sa famille, avec qui le jeune couple doit partager le logis. L'étrangère découvre alors un nouveau visage de son mari: nerveux, autoritaire, efface devant sa famille. Pas de sorties pour se divertir, plus de vie privée. J'en ai rencontré qui voulaient repartir, mais qui étaient bloquées ici à cause des enfants".

Le Dr. Sarhan cite les cas d'une Grecque qui, arrivée à Amman, tombe des nues en découvrant une famille de 12 enfants. Elle ne parle ni anglais ni arabe et doit vivre avec eux. Son mari travaille toute la journée avec son père et elle ne peut pas sortir. "Il ne m'avait jamais parlé de tout cela; si j'avais su, je ne serais pas venue", dit-elle. A Athènes, elle

est peu étrangers partout; donc on est bien partout," conclut-il.

F.D.

N.B.: Afin de respecter l'anonymat des personnes interviewées, nous avons utilisé pour certains des prénoms factices.

Les petits ramasseurs de boîtes de soda

"Ca rapporte plus que d'aller à l'école"

A l'occasion de la semaine internationale de l'enfant, S.M. la Reine Noor a patronné un séminaire de réflexion sur les enfants maltraités en Jordanie: violences, exploitation, etc. Les petits ramasseurs de boîtes de soda, sous-payés et souvent non-scolarisés, en donnent une illustration.

On les croise un peu partout dans les rues d'Amman, surtout à proximité des conteneurs d'ordures. Ils ont de 8 à 14 ans et passent leurs journées à collecter dans des sacs en plastique les boîtes métalliques de Pepsi, Viva et autres Seven-Up. Une matière première qui, revendue à des "grossistes", leur rapportera quelques piastres.

Ahmed, 10 ans, passe au square fin les alentours d'un square à djebel Nuzha, à la recherche des précieux récipients. Il en charge un énorme

sac transparent, presque plus gros que lui, sur le dos. "Je les vend, explique-t-il. Chaque fois que je remplis ce gros sac, je gagne 300 fils", pour une centaine de boîtes.

— Combien gagnes-tu par jour? — 600 fils, 900 dans les bons jours.

Ahmed semble très pris par son travail. Sa propreté laisse à désirer, il est maigre. Mais avant de se replonger dans son activité lucrative, il daigne répondre à une dernière question.

— Que fait ton père? — Je n'ai pas de père.

Et il disparaît avec son fardeau dans une ruelle avoisinante.

Samir, 12 ans, s'affaire autour de trois grands conteneurs d'ordures, à djebel Hussein. Samir a la langue mielleuse pendue que son "collègue" rencontré auparavant. "Je me réveille très tôt le matin et je pars à la 'chasse' aux boîtes vides." Il sillonne ainsi plusieurs

quartiers d'Amman, toute la journée. Ensuite, Samir déclare vendre sa marchandise au kilo. A raison de 12 grammes la boîte, il tient en ramasser 80 environ pour atteindre ce poids, qui sera échangé contre 200 ou 300 fils.

— À qui vends-tu ces boîtes?

Pour la première fois, Samir se débrouille devant une question. "Il y a des grossistes qui les achètent", répond-il évasivement. En insistant, on apprend que ces revendeurs se trouvent sur la route de Zarqa, près de la grande ferraille, ainsi que dans le vieux centre d'Amman.

Cloés et cailloux

Samir dira encore que son père est chômeur, qu'il a trois frères et deux sœurs. Il habite avec sa famille dans un taudis à djebel Manara, un quartier populaire de la capitale. Ce ferrailleur en culottes courtes n'a pas l'air, lui non plus, d'avoir les notions les

plus élémentaires d'hygiène et de propreté. Pour trouver sa denrée nourricière, il n'hésite pas à plonger tout entier dans les conteneurs gorgés d'ordures.

Un supermarché, à proximité

de la cité sportive. Le promoteur assoiffé boit un Seven-Up. L'enfant s'approche, attend que tombe par terre sa proie de fer blanc. Offre-lui trois boîtes, sa langue se délie. Il s'appelle Hamdan, il a dix 10 ans, il fait les publieuses. Et surtout, il raconte ce que les "grossistes" font avec les milliers de boîtes que leur apportent quotidiennement Hamdan et bien d'autres enfants. "Ils les revendent un bon prix aux usines qui fabriquent ces boîtes, près de Sahab (route de Madaba). Les vieilles boîtes sont recyclées pour en faire des neuves". Selon certaines sources, ces grossistes seraient une quinzaine à Amman.

Et l'école, pendant ce temps?

Suleiman Sweiss

Résurrection

Le Jordan Times a le plaisir de vous proposer une page hebdomadaire en français. Notre journal poursuit ainsi la première expérience de ce type en Jordanie, inaugurée par nos confrères du Jerusalem Star. "Le Jourdain" sera publié tous les jeudis, afin de répondre à plusieurs objectifs.

Il s'agit d'abord d'un service rendu à nos lecteurs francophones étrangers aussi bien qu'arabes. Il constituera ensuite un terrains d'expression pour des journalistes jordaniens et arabes désireux de développer leur pratique professionnelle en français. Ils pourront ainsi enrichir les relations personnelles et professionnelles entre journalistes arabes et médias francophones à l'étranger. C'est enfin symbole de l'ouverture dont ont toujours fait preuve la Jordanie et ses habitants: nous sommes ouverts sur l'extérieur, nous cherchons à interagir avec les autres peuples, cultures et idées dans le monde, de manière constructive et productive.

A l'instar de celle du Jerusalem Star, cette page en français combinerà des nouvelles et enquêtes jordanienes, arabes et internationales, sous la supervision technique de François Ducroux.

Tous commentaires et contributions de nos lecteurs en Jordanie et à l'étranger sont les bienvenues, quelles que soient leur nationalité et leurs opinions. Nous serions particulièrement heureux d'accueillir les contributions de jeunes Jordaniens sachant écrire le français et désireux de développer une pratique professionnelle du journalisme en français.

Le rédacteur en chef

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Vous trouverez dans cette nouvelle page un esprit identique à celui qui animait "Le Jourdain" du Jerusalem Star: priorité aux enquêtes et reportages sur la vie jordanienne, informations services locales, assorties d'une synthèse de l'actualité de la semaine dans la région, en Europe et en France. Comme par le passé, vos suggestions, critiques et collaborations en tous genres sont les bienvenues. Elle contribueront à la qualité et au succès de notre second souffle.

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Four Yugoslav politburo members relieved of seats

Suvar proposes sweeping changes

BELGRADE (AP) — Communist Party chief Stipe Suvar Wednesday proposed a secret vote of confidence in members of the ruling Politburo and replacing one-third of the policy-setting Central Committee within six weeks.

Four Politburo members whose resignations already had been announced also were relieved of their seats on the third day of a Central Committee meeting rife with debate among leaders divided over widespread demonstrations against economic hardships and ethnic disputes.

In the tense province of Kosovo, wracked for months by ethnic unrest, early Wednesday editions of the official Yugoslav Daily Borba said many of the region's

majority is harassing them in an effort to force their emigration. Almost daily rallies have occurred for the past three months in the impoverished southern province.

Economic troubles, including 217 per cent inflation, 15 per cent unemployment and a \$21-billion foreign debt, have sparked demonstrations in other areas, creating the country's worst crisis since World War II.

The proposed Central Committee turnover would be the largest single shift in the ruling elite since 1948, when Stalinists were purged after former leader Josip Broz Tito broke with Moscow.

"No purge is involved," Suvar told the central committee Wednesday.

Activists end Johannesburg sit-in

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Three South African political prisoners ended a five-week sit-in at the U.S. consulate in Johannesburg Wednesday.

The anti-apartheid activists, Murphy Morobe, Mohammed Valli and Yusuf Khanyile, left the consulate's 11th floor offices in central Johannesburg shortly after midday (1000 GMT).

The activists gave clenched-fist salutes, but made no formal statements, as they emerged from an elevator and passed through the lobby of the office building, where scores of supporters and journalists were waiting for them.

Young blacks in the lobby and the street outside chanted "Viva," and the activists were greeted by

200,000 Serbs who were dissatisfied with the "fruitless and marathon discussions" by the Central Committee Monday and Tuesday and were planning a rally for Thursday.

During the rally, which was to be held in a suburb of Pristina, the capital, Kosovo Serbs would decide whether to leave the province en masse, Borba said.

The Serbs and Montenegrins, another ethnic minority in Kosovo, contend the province's Alba-

several of the country's most prominent anti-apartheid leaders. The men then were driven to the nearby campus of the University of the Witwatersrand, where they were to hold a news conference to discuss their plans.

Riot police, armed with truncheons and shotguns, were deployed at the scene. Officers sought to keep the crowd under control and police camera crews filmed the event.

A large crowd greeted the group with shouts of "amanda" (freedom) as they walked to a waiting car in Johannesburg's market street.

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Dozens of prominent anti-apartheid activists were on hand to welcome the group, including Archie Gumede and Albertina Sisulu, co-presidents of the United Democratic Front (UDF) organisation.

Morobe and Valli, senior figures in the UDF, had spent 14 months in jail without trial.

The South African government has pledged that the three, who escaped to the consulate on Sept.

13 while being treated at Johannesburg hospital, will not be re-

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